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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 to 9 are pending in the present application and are subject to Restriction requirement. Applicant herein elects to prosecute claim 5 in the present application without traverse.

Therefore, non-elected claims 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 are herein cancelled without prejudice and are subjects of divisional applications.

Examiner has identified certain informalities in the application. Applicant has amended application herein to correct informalities. Applicant respectfully disagrees with Examiner on the use of "bitrate as one word. "Bitrate" as one word is a term of art in the classification. A search of United States patents has found 1100 patents which have "bitrate" as one word.

Results of Search in 1976 to present db for:

bitrate: 1100 patents.

Hits 1 through 50 out of 1100

Likewise, Applicant chooses to use the term "bitstream" as one word.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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